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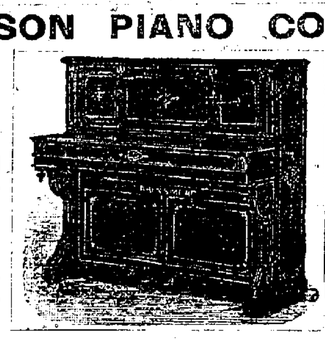
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FOR.	STEAMSHIP.	CAPTAIN.	DATE.
LONDON, &c.	*Thames* †	S. BARCHAM	Noon, 2nd April.
LONDON	*Borneo*	F. C. A. LYON, R.N.R.	Noon, 2nd April.
SHANGHAI	*Verona*	C. H. S. TOCQUE, R.N.R.	5 p.m., 2nd April.
N'SAKI, KOBE, & YOKOHAMA	*Rosetta*	E. P. BISHOP	4 p.m., 4th April.
SHAI, N'SAKI, KOBE & YOKO.	*Formosa*	A. G. CUBITT, R.N.R.	About 4th April.
NAGASAKI AND KOBE	*Hydaspes* †	C. L. DANIEL	About 5th April.
STRAITS AND CALCUTTA	*Socotra*	J. PAINE, R.N.R.	About 6th April.
N'SAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	*Candia* †	G. K. WRIGHT, R.N.R.	About 9th April.
LONDON	*Suda*	S. G. D. ANDREWS, R.N.R.	About 11th April.

* See Special Advertisement. † For Freight (only).

For Freight or Passage, and further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, *Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 629

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Dewar's 'Imperial Institute'	$10.50	
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Praya Central.

Hongkong, December 24, 1897. 2293

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Hongkong, March 5, 1898. 490

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Telephone 75. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD. Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co., Hongkong, 8th March, 1898 495

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FANCY DRESS SPECIALITIES.

W. POWELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 22, 1898. 599

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Business Notices.

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For Prices and further particulars, apply to

2292 SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., *General Managers.*

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

BY Kind Permission of the JOCKEY CLUB the above SPORTS will be Held on the RACE COURSE, on SATURDAY, 2nd April.

First Race at 1 p.m. Sharp.

THE COMMITTEE of the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB cordially invite the LADIES of Hongkong to attend.

W. MACHELL,
Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 31, 1898. 665

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY, the 8th April (GOOD FRIDAY), and on MONDAY, the 11th Idem (EASTER MONDAY).

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,'
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,'
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For 'The National Bank of China, Limited,'
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For 'The Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,'
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Banque de L'Indo-Chine, Hongkong Agency,'
F. AUGUSTIN,
Manager.

For the 'Bank of China and Japan, Ltd.,' Hongkong,
E. L. HUNTER,
Manager.

For the 'Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.,'
S. CHOH,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 31, 1898 672

NOTICE.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, will be Held on TUESDAY, the 5th April, at 3 o'clock p.m., at the ROOMS of the CHAMBER, CITY HALL, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee and passing the Secretary's Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 30, 1898. 680

NOTICE.

A FAMILY going to SAN FRANCISCO by the First Steamer in April will give a European Woman First-class Accommodation and a Gratuity, for her Services as attendant during the voyage.

Apply by letter to 'R. O.,'
Care of 'China Mail' OFFICE.

Hongkong, March 25, 1898. 630

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE CERTIFICATE of 12 SHARES Numbered 4,142/4,143 and 4,560/4,578 standing in the Register of this Company in the name of Mrs. GUADALUPE ROCHA having been LOST, Notice is hereby given that a Duplicate Certificate for the said 12 SHARES will be issued One Month hence and that the Original Certificate, unless produced within that period, will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 1, 1898. 440

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT 7 PER CENT. SILVER LOAN OF 1886, E.

23rd HALF-YEARLY DRAWING.

INTEREST DUE and DRAWN BONDS of this LOAN will be PAYABLE at the OFFICES of the CORPORATION on and after the 31st March, 1898.

LISTS OF DRAWN BONDS can be obtained on application to the Undersigned.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
Agents Issuing the Loan,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 30, 1898. 657

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby informed that at the Annual General Meeting held in London recently a Final DIVIDEND of 3 PER CENT. was Declared on the Company's Preference SHARES for the Six Months ending 31st December, 1897, making 6 PER CENT. in all. A DIVIDEND of 6 PER CENT. for the same year was also Declared on the Company's Ordinary Shares.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be ready on the 1st Proximo.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th to the 31st Instant, inclusive.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 24, 1898. 662

WANTED.

AN ASSISTANT ELECTRICAL ENGINEER. Apply by Letter, giving References and Copies of Testimonials to the MANAGER.

HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Hongkong, March 16 1898 569

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS for the post of STEWARD in the above CLUB will be received by the Undersigned.

C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 31, 1898. 669

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the CLUB will be held in the CLUB HOUSE on THURSDAY, the 14TH APRIL, 1-98, at 6 P.M., for the purpose set forth in the notice posted in the Hall of the Club.

By Order,
C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 31, 1898. 661

FOR SALE.

A SMALL PONY. Suitable for a Child to Ride.

Apply
'O. W. D.,'
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Hongkong, March 31, 1898 666

SALVATION ARMY HOME, 70, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

GOOD LODGINGS for Respectable MEN—CHARGES, MODERATE.

Hongkong, March 31, 1898. 667

WANTED,

FURNISHED CHAMBERS; THREE or TWO ROOMS, with Accommodation. Address

'T. B.,'
C/o OFFICE of THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, March 28, 1898. 644

Intimations.

GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a CALL of $1 per SHARE has been made in respect of the SHARES in the above-named Company not fully paid up, and that such call is PAYABLE on the 2nd May next, to the Company's Bankers, THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Hongkong.

LÜTGENS, EINSTMANN & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, March 31, 1898. 670

NOTICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS.

AMERICAN CITIZENS residing in the CONSULAR DISTRICT OF CANTON, which includes SAMSHUI, WUCHOW, MACAO, SWATOW, HOIHOW and PAKHOI, are REQUESTED to REGISTER at this CONSULATE either Personally or by Certificate setting forth the Date and Place of Birth and last Residence in the United States.

The Advantages of Registration are obvious and may prove of value in time of need.

There is no fee or charge for Registration.

EDWARD BEDLOE,
U. S. Consul.

UNITED STATES CONSULATE,
Canton, China, 1st Feb., 1898. 358

THE BEST FORM OF WILL.

The best form of legacy is a policy of life assurance. It is an incontestable form, and with it even a poor man may bequeath an estate in accordance with his own wishes. He has only to insure his life, say, for ten thousand dollars, to be paid at his death to whatever beneficiary he names in the policy. The policy becomes his will so far as ten thousand dollars are concerned.

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CLAIMS PAID IN NOVEMBER, 1897.

Paid on first day.........	112	£118,715.
Paid after first day.........	5	22,614.
Total	...122	£141,329

There were only *five Claims* not paid within ONE DAY after receipt of proofs of death.

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DONALD MACDONALD.

Hongkong, November 5, 1896 2233

To-day's Advertisements.

MITSU BISHI GOSHI KWAISHA (MITSU BISHI COMPANY).

NOTICE.

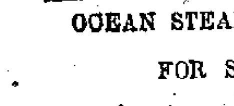
DURING the Absence of the Undersigned Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE will Act as AGENT for the above Named Company.

H. U. JEFFRIES,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 673

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.



The Co.'s Steamship *Teucer*, Captain RILEY, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 3rd Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 680

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.



The Co.'s Steamship *Esmeralda*, Captain TAYLER will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 4th Inst., at 5 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, April 1, 1898 681

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

(*Passing through the* INLAND SEA).



The Co.'s Steamship *Hohenzollern*, Capt. H. BLEEKER, will leave for the above Ports on or about THURSDAY, the 7th Instant.

For further Particulars, apply to

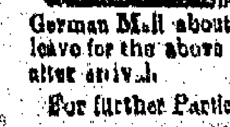
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 1, 1898 684

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.



The Co.'s Steamship *Prinz Heinrich*, Captain O. CÜPPERS, due here with the outward German Mail about the 6th Instant, will leave for the above Place about 24 hours after arrival.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 685

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

TO-MORROW

(SATURDAY) the 2nd April, 1898 at NOON, at their Auction Rooms, Ice House Street, to Close Consignments:—

10 CASES OLEOMARGARINE.
5 CASES LARD.
3 BALES WHITE BLOTTING PAPER.

And

16 CASES CONDENSED MILK Sea Damaged ex s. s. *Coptic*.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 674

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CITY HALL.

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Spend a Pleasant SATURDAY NIGHT and see

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An Illusion that set the Thames on Fire — STROUBAIKA, STROUBAIKA, STROUBAIKA

You are not to Up-to Date if you fail to see the Original and Marvellous

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Including the Great 'Star' Picture

THE DEATH OF NELSON.

Being a truly marvellous representation of the sad and heroic death of England's greatest Admiral which cannot fail to create a profound impression upon the populace of Hongkong.

RECEIVES THREE CALLS NIGHTLY EVERYWHERE.

PRICES:—Dress Circle $3, Stalls $2 (may be reserved), Pit $1.

Box Plan now open at the ROBINSON PIANO Co.'s Warehouse, where seats can be booked (and the Tickets obtained) six nights in advance.

A Late Tram for the Peak will leave each evening fifteen minutes after the termination of the performance.

HARRY LYONS,
Advance Agent.

Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 678

NOTICE.

MR. FAZAL RAHIMBHOY being about to leave for Bombay, Mr. CURMALLY ABDOOLA will Conduct the Business and Sign the Name of Our FIRM in China.

C. ABDOOLA & Co.

Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 677

NOTICE.

MR. ARTHUR LYMAN MACGOWAN is Authorised to Sign Our FIRM in Hongkong and Swatow, by procuration from THIS DATE

BRADLEY & Co.

Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 683

NOTICE.

WE Have Authorized Mr. ALEXANDER HEINRICH ALFRED FINKE to Sign Our FIRM in Hongkong and Canton by procuration from THIS DATE.

LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.

Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 676

INSURANCE HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on FRIDAY, the 8th Instant (GOOD FRIDAY) and on MONDAY the 11th Instant (EASTER MONDAY)

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.;
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

N. J. EDE,
Secretary,
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.

W. H. PERCIVAL,
Agent,
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.

W. H. RAY,
Secretary,
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents,
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ltd.

J. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary,
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

W. H. T. DAVIS,
Manager,
The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong April 1, 1898. 682

'GLEN' LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, BORDEAUX & STRAITS.

THE Steamship *Glenturret* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN Co., LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-DAY.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 8th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 15th Instant, otherwise they will not be recognised.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 675

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	*Vessels.*	*Agents.*	*Date of Leaving.*
Amoy and Shanghai...	Antenor (s).........	Butterfield & Swire...	April 2, daylight.
Australian Ports.......	Monmuir (s).........	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	April 9, at noon.
Bremen & Ports of Cal	Prinz Heinrich (s)...	Norddeutscher Lloyd	April 27, at 9 a.m.
Kobe and Yokohama.	Matsuyama Maru (s)...	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	April 14, at 4 p.m.
London, v. Suez Canal	Dardanus (s).........	Butterfield & Swire...	April 4, at noon.
London & Ports of Call	Thames (s).........	P. & O. S. N. Co......	April 2, at noon.
London.........	Borneo (s).........	P. & O. S. N. Co......	April 2 at noon.
London.........	Sunda (s).........	P. & O. S. N. Co......	About April 14.
Manila.........	Esmeralda (s).........	Shewan, Tomes & Co	April 4, at 5 p.m.
Marseilles v. Saigon	Melbourne (s).........	Messageries Maritimes	April 9, at noon.
M'seilles, London, &c.	Tamba Maru (s)......	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	April 28, at 4 p.m.
Nagasaki and Kobe...	Hydaspes (s).........	P. & O. S. N. Co......	About April 5.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Y'ma	Rosetta (s).........	P. & O. S. N. Co......	April 4, at 4 p.m.
Na'ki, Kobe & Y'hama	Jandia (s).........	P. & O. S. N. Co......	About April 9.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Benalder (s).........	Shewan, Tomes & Co	About April 5.
New York v. Suez Canal	Lennox (s).........	Dodwell, Carlill & Co	About April 26.
Portland, Oregon......	Argyll (s).........	Dodwell, Carlill & Co	May 3, at noon
S Francisco v. Japan	Doric (s).........	O. & O. S. S. Co......	April 19, at noon.
S. Francisco v. Japan	City of Peking (s).....	Pacific Mail S. S. Co	April 9, at noon.
San Francisco.........	West York.........	Shewan, Tomes & Co	Quick despatch.
San Francisco.........	Imberhorne.........	Shewan, Tomes & Co	Quick despatch.
Shanghai.........	Verona (s).........	P. & O. S. N. Co......	April 2, at 5 p.m.
Shanghai.........	Teucer (s).........	Butterfield & Swire...	April 3, daylight.
Shanghai.........	Prinz Heinrich (s).....	Norddeutscher Lloyd	About April 7.
Shanghai and C'kiang.	Peiyang (s).........	Siemssen & Co.........	April 2, at 2 p.m.
S'hai, Kobe & Y'hama	Macduff (s).........	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	About April 8.
S'hai, N'ki, K'be & Y'ma	Formosa (s).........	P. & O. S. N. Co......	About April 4.
S'pore, Havre & H'burg	Ceres (s).........	Siemssen & Co.........	April 2, at 5 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta.....	Socotra (s).........	P. & O. S. N. Co......	About April 6.
S'tow, Amoy & T'foo	Nanyang (s).........	Douglas Lapraik & Co	April 8, daylight.
Sydney v. Thursday Is.	Jacob Christensen (s)	Geo. R. Stevens......	April 7, at 3 p.m.
Tacoma (Wash.), &c.	Columbia (s).........	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	April 5, at noon.
Tientsin.........	Kaifong (s).........	Butterfield & Swire...	April 2, at noon.
Tientsin.........	Kwongsang (s)......	Jardine, Matheson & Co	April 5, at 4 p.m.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c.	Empress of China (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co	April 6 at noon.
Yokohama.........	Kawachi Maru (s)......	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	April 7, at 4 p.m.
Yokohama.........	Riojun Maru (s)......	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	April 9, at noon.
Y'ma, Kobe & Nagasaki	Hohenzollern (s)......	Norddeutscher Lloyd	About April 7.

To-day's Advertisements.

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A. G. GORDON,
General Manager.

Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 679

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Kintuck* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN Co., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 7th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 7th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 7th Instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 681

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu)	Tuesday, April 19 at noon.
Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Tuesday, May 10, at noon.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Saturday, May 28, at noon.

THE Co.'s Steamship *DORIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 19th April, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 680

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 1.

Choysang, British steamer, from Canton.
Peiyang, German steamer, from Canton.
Chiyuen, Chinese steamer, from Canton.
Kintuck, British steamer, 2,880, C. de la Perrelle, Liverpool Feb. 20, General.—HOLLIDAY WISE & Co.
Thames, British steamer, 2,312, S. Barcham, Shanghai March 29, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Woosung, British steamer, 1,1 9, Clegg, Wuhu March 27, Rice.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Glenfalloch, British steamer, 1,434, Peters, Singapore March 26, General.—JOO ECK LONG & Co.
Glenturret, British steamer, 3,025, R. Webster, Singapore March 26, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Teucer, British steamer, 1,802, James Riley, Singapore March 26, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
China, German steamer, 1,275, E. Schipper, Saigon March 27, Rice.—SIEMSSEN & Co.
Triumph, German str., 675, A. Rieke, Hoihow March 32, General.—JEBSEN & Co.
Amigo, German steamer, 622, Hemmet, Saigon March 27, Rice.—JEBSEN & Co.
Nanyang, German steamer, 983, Th. Lehmann, Swatow March 3, General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
St. Andrews, Norwegian Steamer, 1,971, A. A. Frivold, New York Jan. 23, General.—Order.
Tancarville, British steamer, 1,423, Brown, Pulo Sambilan (Sumatra) March 23, Kerosine in bulk.—MEYER & Co.
Verona, British steamer, 2,364, C. H. S. Torquay, Bombay and Singapore March 27, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

April 1.

Kongulf, for Bangkok.
Mathilde, for Hoihow.
Thales, for Swatow.
Yaeyama Maru, for Kobe.
Yiksang, for Canton.
Gaelic, for Amoy and San Francisco.
Choy Sang, for Swatow.
T'kio Maru, for Thursday Island.
Hanoi for Pakhoi.
Hokosan Maru, for Saigon.
Woosung, for Canton.

CLEARED.

Ceres for Singapore.
Antenor, for Amoy.
Peiyang, for Shanghai.
P. C. C. Klao, for Bangkok.
Hailan, for Hoihow.
Lyeemoon, for Kobe.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Glenfalloch*, from Singapore, 800 Chinese.

Per *Woosung*, from Wuhu, 12 Chinese.

Per *Thames*, from Shanghai: for Hongkong, Mr G. R. Winstrove, Miss Walker, Mr D. C. Campbell, Miss Moses, Mr Toe Kiu Hing, and 5 Chinese; for London, Mr and Mrs Cooper and 2 children, Mr, Mrs and Master Hunter and Child, Miss Carlyle, Miss Elopon, Mr and Mrs Ryrie and 2 children, Mr, Mrs and Miss Reid, Mrs Montague Ede, 2 children and nurse, Mr L. W. Kade, Mr A. J. Simpson, Mr and Mrs A. C. Lord; for Marseilles, Mr and Mrs Garener Mr and Mrs Temalin, Rev. L. Birder, Rev. A. Bermyn, Rev. P. de Beck, Rev. A. Harman, Rev. H. Raymathers, Rev. T. Stragier, Rev. T. Meyer.

Per *Teucer*, from Singapore 12 Chinese.

Per *China*, from Saigon, 12 Chinese.

Per *Glenturret*, from Singapore, 311 Chinese.

Per *Kintuck*, from Liverpool, &c., Mr Saudeman for Shanghai, and 430 Chinese.

Per *Triumph*, from Haihow, 39 Chinese.

Per *Nanyang*, from Swatow, Miss Leadler, Mrs Landfoo and 137 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Gaelic*, for Shanghai, Mr G. Wiels, Mr McQuser, Mr George, Mrs Wills, Mr W. S. Given, Mrs North and 5 Chinese; for Nagasaki, Mr F. S. Moss, 1 Japanese and 3 Chinese; for Kobe, Mr C. R. Burton, Miss de Nalda, 3 children and 2 Manila servants, Mrs de Mircaida, 1 child, 2 Manila and 1 Chinese servants, Mr, Mrs and Miss J. S. Banks, Mr James Hay, Miss Hay, Mr H. A. Peto, Mr W. Dorothy, Mr K. Nobals, and 3 Chinese, and Mr J. A. Barrett; for Yokohama, Mrs A. Clark, Mr and Mrs W. N. Craine, Mr and Mrs H. S. Pikards, Miss Fritz and Maid, Mr Flood, Miss Flood, Mr Walter Fritz, Mr Herbert Smith, Mr Jas H. White, Mr F. W. Bleebyenden, Mr V. Blad, Mr A. Stewart and 4 Chinese; for San Francisco, Mr H. U. Jeffries, Mr H. Schubert, Mr Hong Sling, wife and two Children, Mr Lee Chuck and Child, Mr H. T. Weeks, Mr C. N. Post, Mr J. S. Post, Mr Toy Chan, wife and 2 children, Miss Florence N. Worley, Mr J. G. Litchfield, Mrs Pang Choy Kam; for Vancouver, Mr and Mrs Luther Short; for Portland, Miss L. M. Gerber; for London, Mr A. Frickiez, Mr G. A. Roesber.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Woosung* reports light Southerly winds, and foggy throughout. March 30th, spoke H.M.S. *Rainbow*, bound North.

The British steamer *Kintuck* reports left Singapore at 5.30 p.m., on the 26th March, and had light N.E. winds to 18° N., and to Gap Rock light South winds; thence to port, calm and haze.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For BANGKOK.—
Per *P. C. C. Klao*, at 9.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 2nd April.

For TIENTSIN.—
Per *Kaifong*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 2nd April.

For SINGAPORE —
Per *Borneo*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 2nd April.
Per *Dardanus*, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday the 4th April.

For SAIGON —
Per *Hinsang*, at 1.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 2nd April.
Per *Rio*, at 1.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 2nd April.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *Chiyuen*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 2nd April.
Per *Verona*, Registration at 3.45 p.m., Letters at 4 p.m., on Saturday, the 2nd April. (Late Letters 4.10 to 4.30 p.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

For SHANGHAI & CHINKIANG.—
Per *Peiyang*, at 1.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 2nd April.

For SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO.
Per *Nanyang*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 2nd April.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—*Antenor* leaves for Amoy.
Noon.—English Mail Steamer leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
Noon.—*Borneo* leaves for London.
Noon.—*Kaifong* leaves for Tientsin.
2 p.m.—*Peiyang* leaves for Shanghai.
5 p.m.—*Verona* leaves for Shanghai.
5 p.m.—*Ceres* leaves for H'burg &c.

Auctions.

Noon.—Auction of Sundries, &c., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

Amusements.

1 p.m.—Athletic Sports on the Race Course.
9 p.m.—Carl Hertz in the City Hall.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, April 1, 1898.

On London—	
Bank, Wire, ...	...1/10¼
„ On demand, ...	...1/10⅜
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On Paris—	
On demand, ...	... 2.33
Credits, 4 months' sight, ...	... 2.37½
On Berlin—Demand, ...	... 1.88½
On New York—	
On demand, ...	... 44⅞
Credits, 60 days' sight, ...	... 45⅝
On Bombay—	
Wire, ...	... 140
On demand, ...	... 140½
On Calcutta—	
Wire, ...	... 140
On demand, ...	... 140½
On Singapore—	
On demand, ...	1½% pm.
On Manila—	
On demand, ...	4½% pm.
On Shanghai—	
On demand, ...	... 74½
30 days' sight, (private paper)	... 75⅛
On Yokohama—	
On demand, ...	... 0½% pm.
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)...	...$56.00
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	...$10 66
Silver (per oz.) ...	...25⅝d.

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BIRTH.

At 5, Fearon Road, Shanghai, on the 28th March, the Wife of JOHN CHRISTIE, of a Daughter.

DEATH.

At Shanghai, DENIS, third son of George and Ellen Osborne; born August 10, 1896, died March 28, 1898.

The publication of this issue commenced at 6.40 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1898.

THE Chinese have always divided themselves into the four classes of Scholars, Farmers, Workmen, and Merchants. Considering their singular penchant for trade, it is a surprise to find them putting traders at the foot of the list. If any one has an idea that the life of a Chinese dealer is an easy one, he has a very inaccurate idea indeed, and the smallest investigation of any specific case will be sufficient to disabuse him of it. Indeed there are not many people in China whose life is an easy one, certainly not the Officials and the rich, who are at once the most envied and the most misunderstood persons in the empire. In Shantung, every village of any size has its little 'tsa huo p'u,' or shop of miscellaneous goods. It is not at all like a huckster's shop at home, for the goods kept are not intended to be disposed of at once. Many of them may remain in stock for many years, but they will probably all be worked off at last. People at home think that the Chinese live on 'curry and rice.' Very few people in Shantung ever tasted rice in their lives, but there is generally a small quantity kept at the 'tsa huo p'u' in case there should be a call, for use at feasts, or for the sick. There is a good supply of red paper, and for cards of invitation and white paper for funeral announcements, the need for which must be met promptly, without waiting for a trip to a distant market town. Besides this there is a large stock of fire-crackers which are wanted whenever there is a feast-day, a wedding or a funeral, and also paper money and other materials for the idolatrous ceremonies which these occasions involve. There are many kinds of wares, for there is almost nothing for which a demand may not be made, but the greatest profit is made on the articles last named.

Let not the reader inexpert in Chinese affairs suppose that the keeper of the 'tsa huo p'u' sits all day in a chair awaiting customers, or spends the intervals between their infrequent arrivals in playing Chinese fox and geese or chess. He does nothing of the kind. If his shop is a very small one, it is not tended at all, but simply opened when occasion serves. If it is a larger affair, it requires the time of more than one person, not to tend it but to carry on the rural trade. For the larger part of of the business of the 'tsa huo p'u' is not at home, but at the five-day markets all about. The proprietors of some shops take their wares to a fair every day in the month, on the first and sixth to one place, on the second and seventh to another, on the third and eighth to another, and on the fifth and tenth to still another, by which time the circle is completed. Going to one of these markets is no holiday work. It is necessary to rise either at daylight or before, select the goods to be taken, pack them carefully, make an accurate list of them, and then wheel the barrow to the fair, sometimes over very bad roads in very bad weather. Arrived at the market-town there are no stalls or booths for the dealers to occupy, but each plants himself in a spot for which he has to pay a small ground-rent to the owner, who is always on hand to collect this rent. All day long the barrow must be tended assiduously, bickering with all sorts and conditions of men—and women, and when the people have begun to scatter, the articles must be packed up again, and the barrow wheeled home. Then comes the tiresome taking account of stock, in regard to which the proprietor is exceedingly particular. In China nobody trusts anybody else, for the excellent reason that he is aware that in similar circumstances it might not be safe to trust himself. Hence the owner of the little shop, or some one who represents him, looks carefully over the goods brought home and compares them with the invoice made out in the morning. This is a check upon the temptation to sell some things without giving an account of them. The sales which have been made during the day are for small sums only, and as all the cash has to be counted and strung on hemp cords so as to make the full 'string' of one thousand cash, or five hundred in this part of the country, this counting and stringing of the money takes a great deal of time, and is very tiresome work when done by the quantity—though this remark is applicable to most Chinese occupations viewed from an Occidental point of view.

The employee of the 'tsa huo-p'u' gets his meals when he can, which is after he has finished everything which his employer wants him to do. It is necessary for him to be a rare hand, to be so useful that he will not be sent away if business is slack when the year closes, or if the proprietor gets better service from some one else. The supply of labour of every description, is so excessive, that it is very hard to get a place, and harder still to keep it. A country villager with whom the writer is well acquainted had too little land to support his family so he accepted the offer of a neighbour to help him with the business which he had lately undertaken. This consisted of sending four wheel-barrows daily to different villages to sell meat at the markets. The men who did this had to rise long before daylight in order to get the meat ready, that is to cut it from the bones, which are disposed of at a separate rate. The weight of meat on each barrow had to be entered and also the weight of the bones. On the return of the barrows at night it was necessary to weigh what was left from the sales and compare it with the returns of cash. This must be gone through with for each barrow. The assistant to the meat-dealer had to keep in all fourteen different account books. 'But,' we said to him, 'after the barrows are gone, and before they come back, there must be a little interval of comparative peace in which you can do what you like?' 'Alas, no,' was the reply, 'it takes all of that time to balance up the fourteen entries of the day before,' and judging from what one knows of Chinese book-keeping the time allowed would not be at all too much. Our informant was so tired of his contract that he seized the occasion of a funeral in a family with which he was connected, and which he was in theory bound to attend, to break away and make a brief call on the foreign friend who had generally been able to sympathise with certain of his previous woes.

A year later the writer met him again, ascertained that he had abandoned the intricate book-keeping which selling meat appeared to involve, for another kind of account-keeping in a well-to-do family, where there is a good deal of land and much resulting activity. He was asked if he had any time to read his book—of which he seemed to be fond—and he replied with a decisive negative. Not if he got up early? No indeed, he had to begin work the minute he was dressed. Not if he went to bed a little later? Certainly not, he had to go to bed late as it was—no time then. But he might at least snatch a little leisure while he was eating. 'Not much,' was the response, 'the woman who is at the head of affairs takes that opportunity to consult about the work.'

In the case of firms having any considerable business, after the day's work is all over, the clerks are liable to be required to spend the evening in untying all the numerous strings of cash that have come in, with a view to the discovery of any rare coins that might be sold at a special price. All is fish that comes to a Chinese net, and sooner or later there is very little that does not find its way here, to the profit of its owner. If the time should ever come, as come it may, when the far-distant West comes into close and practical competition with the patient Chinese for the right to exist, one or the other will be behindhand in the race. We venture the prediction that it will *not* be the Chinese!—*Contributed.*

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

(SUPPLIED THROUGH, REUTER.)

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Hounslow*, Feb. 4; *Alton*, *Latona*, *Yarrowdale*, 11; *Rose Castle*, 15; *Avala*, 18; *St. Mary*, 22; *Queen Margaret*, 25; *St. Andrews*, March 1; *Macduff*, *Kintuck*, *Rugby*, 4; *Thekla*, 8; *Glenartney*, *Glengyle*, *Sarpedon*, *Afridi*, *Croydon*, *Eiffel Tower*, *Isis*, *Wennington Hall*, 15; *Bullmouth*, *Canton*, *Merionethshire*, *Adria*, *Indus*, 18; *Ulysses*, *Bellona*, *Nedjed Nyanza*, *St. Ninian*, *Teviotdale*, 22; *Chingwo*, *Pyrrhus*, *Tantalus*, *Laos*, *Trenbam*, 25; *Benlawers*, *Glenogle*, *Flintshire*, *Morven*, *Siam*, 29.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Yarra*, *Port Adelaide*, March 8; *Hector*, *Senta*, 11; *Darmstadt*, 15; *Shanghai*, 22; *Sachsen*, *Irene*, 25; *Pingsuey*, *Sachsen*, *Diomed*, *Sydney*, 29.

Mails.

The Imp. German Mail s. s. *Prinz Heinrich*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 7th March, left Singapore on Friday, at 8 a.m., the 1st April, and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 6th April, at daylight.

The O. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Doric* with the AMERICAN MAIL of 12th March, leaves Yokohama on Friday, the 1st April, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 8th April.

The O. & O. s. s. *China*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 23rd March.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s. s. *Empress of India* left Vancouver, B.C., for Hongkong, *via* Yokohama, etc., on Tuesday afternoon, the 29th March.

Steamers Expected.

The str. *Queen Olga*, from New York, left Singapore on Saturday morning, the 26th March, and is expected to arrive here on or about Friday, the 1st April.

The C. N. Co.'s str. *Changsha*, from Australian Ports, left Port Darwin on the afternoon of the 25th March, and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 3rd April.

The s. s. *Macduff*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on the 30th March, and is due here on or about the 6th April.

The s. s. *Arratoon Apcar*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on Saturday afternoon, the 26th March.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Formosa* left Singapore for this port on the 27th March, at 6 a.m.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Candia* left Bombay for this port on the afternoon of the 23rd March.

The N. G. L. s s. *Letimbro* left Bombay for this port on the 27th March, and is due here on or about the 15th April.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Brindisi* left Bombay for this port on the afternoon of the 30th March.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Argyll* sailed from Portland for Japan and Hongkong on the 21st March.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Braemar* sailed from Yokohama for Portland, Or., on the 30th March.

The E. A. Co.'s s. s. *Siam*, from Copenhagen, Hamburg and Antwerp, passed the Canal on the 29th March, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 18th April.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Tacoma* sailed from Tacoma on the 13th March for Japan and Hongkong.

Latest Advices.

The P. M. Co.'s s. s. *Peru*, with mails, &c., which left hence March 3rd, for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama, arrived at her destination on the 29th March.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Riojun Maru* left Kobe, via Nagasaki, for this port on the 31st March, and is expected to arrive here on the 6th April.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Kawachi Maru* left Singapore for this port on the morning of 1st April, and is expected to arrive here on the afternoon of 6th April.

CHURCH SERVICES.

GERMAN CHAPEL, BETHESDA.

Sunday, April 3rd:—No service.
Good-Friday at 11 a.m.:—Service and communion.

THEODOR KAISER, *Pastor.*

'FOR THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE.'—If the blood is laden with impurities it spreads disease as it circulates through the organs of the human body—Lungs, Heart, Stomach, Kidneys, Brain. Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture is warranted to cleanse the blood from all impurities from whatever cause arising. For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds its effects are marvellous. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere at 2s. 9d. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

* On the 5th page will be found an interesting article on the art of advertising.

PLAY in the Cricket Club Lawn Tennis Tournament will begin to-morrow. Lists of the handicaps are now ready.

MR W. H. Moule's batting average at Shanghai for the past year was 103.6 for seven completed innings. He scored 727 runs in eleven innings, and was four times not out.

A BOATMAN who was removed to the Tung Wa Hospital, this morning, by his friends, died shortly after admission from injuries received by being crushed alongside a steamer by a steam launch.

AT the Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Commander Hastings fined three of the prisoners in the Wai Sing Lottery case $500 each, with the alternative of six months' imprisonment with hard labour, the other three prisoners being discharged.

THE Post Office employés have no doubt frequent experience of curious missives, and in a box marked 'Detained for Postage,' in the vestibule of the Post Office, there is just now an interesting collection of these curios. The person who addressed the letter to 'The Amah,' and lavished a two-cent stamp upon it must be a bit of a wag. There is also a post-card decorated with some marvellous artistic productions, and a letter, on the face of which the sender had inscribed the following seeming reprimand, 'Please order enclosed. How could you forget the letters?'—but had forgot to write the name of the recipient. Several copies of our contemporaries are lying discarded in the box, with stamps on the wrappers, but no address, one or two of the copies having a large mark of interrogation inscribed upon them.

THERE is nearly always a small percentage of humour in the Supreme Court, in Summary Jurisdiction, on Friday morning, with Hon. A. G. Wise on the bench. Moses Ezekiel sued Nahum Abraham Shamun for $18, and particulars of the claim were given in the following bill:—

On Hollyday, cash	$10
On Feast Day, cash	3
For Tambaco	5
	$18

Mr D'Almada said he had just been instructed and wished the case adjourned until he secured the services of a Hebrew interpreter. 'What is the meaning of the last item, Tambaco?' queried the learned judge. The clerk of court was not sure, but thought it stood for tobacco. The Judge (smiling)—'Then why does he not call it tobacco?' A Chinese washerman in a claim for work done, said 'he makee charge one and a-half cents per piece.' 'Marvellously cheap,' remarked his Lordship, 'I wish I could get my washing done at that price.'

THERE is little doubt but that Conjurer Carl Hertz will be the recipient of a magnificent reception at the Theatre Royal on Saturday evening. His tricks are numerous and here is certainly one of the most astounding. Mdlle. D'Alton ascends into mid-air and remains suspended without any visible means of support. She marches to and fro, trampling the atmosphere under her feet with all the actuality in the world; she dances a lively measure upon the same elastic fluid, shaking a tambourine the while; and then turning her heels upwards, she walks in her inverted attitude just as easy as the common house-fly takes his morning promenade upon the ceiling. Then Aerolithe indulges in many gyrations and somersaults that are certainly far too complicated to explain,—providing we knew the great secret. Our advice is to visit the Theatre Royal and discover for yourself—if you can. Seats may be secured at the Robinson Piano Company's store.

ON Wednesday and Thursday evenings, the King's Own Amateur Dramatic Club gave their second series of regimental concerts in the Gymnasium at the Murray Barracks. On each occasion the concert was well attended, and the efforts of the performers were met with hearty applause. An overture by the band opened the first part of the programme, which consisted principally of humorous songs. Colour-Sergeant Lelliot, in his old favourite, 'My gal's the best in all the town,' received an enthusiastic reception, and had to respond with an encore. Corporal Williams was very amusing in 'Too Soon,' and, as is inevitable in his case, had to make a second appearance. Bandsman Upton sang 'La diddly iddly,' and was encored, and a similar compliment was paid Corporal O'Donohue for his rendering of 'Ora Pro Nobis.' Corporal Fitz-George sang 'By the Old Tollgate.' A banjo duet by Bandsmen Carter and Upton was encored, and Messrs Whiting and Broadhurst, in the comic duet, 'The Flannel Foot Brigade,' were uproariously received. A screaming farce, entitled 'Caught by the Cuff' comprised the second part of the programme, the characters being taken as follows:—'Mr Hector Sharkley Funk,' Cpl. Fitz-George; 'Mr Benjamin Butt,' Bde. Carter; 'Joe Beat,' Cpl. Williams; 'Harry Cuff,' Cpl. Packer; 'Mrs Pryor,' Bde. Upton. Mrs Sherwood was an efficient accompanist. The proceedings concluded with the singing of 'God Save the Queen.' Another performance will be given to-morrow.

VERY fine New Wales by A. G. Ward, 'Pearl of the East'—Robinson Piano Company.

MR G. D. Pitzipios, Interpreter in H.M. Consulate-General at Shanghai, is appointed Vice-Consul at Canton, and takes up his new appointment this month. He is to be succeeded at Shanghai by Mr Perkins.

MR P. H. S. Montgomery, Acting Commissioner of Customs at Soochow, has been appointed Commissioner at Yatung (Thibet), in succession to Mr H. E. Hobson, who goes home on leave.

IT is hoped that when the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs take over the collection of likin the Inspector-General, Sir Robert Hart, will see his way to increase the pay of the foreigners in the Customs service.

THE annual lawn tennis match between the Hongkong C.C. and the Ladies' Recreation Club will take place on the Cricket Ground at 3.30 p.m. on Monday next. By kind permission of Colonel Rowlandson and Officers K.O.R., the Band of the Regiment will play during the after noon.

MR J. A. Sullivan has made a generous offer to the Shanghai C. C. At the annual meeting on the 25th March, a letter was read from him, in which it was stated that he wished to retain his interest in the Club while absent in England, and offered to give a hat for every score of over 100 a ball for every three wickets taken consecutively, and a $50 cup for the best tennis player. Conditions to be left to the Committee. Mr Sullivan's offer, needless to say, was heartily welcomed by the members.

THE fourth annual dinner of the Hongkong Football Club will take place to-morrow. Dr J. M. Atkinson will take the chair. Three badges will be presented by the Club, during the evening, to three players who have been selected on account of specially useful play. The Challenge Cup will be presented to the winning team (Mr Moberley's) in the six-a-side competition. This Cup is the gift of Messrs Looker and Slade to the Club. To each of the members of the winning team will be presented a handsome gold scarf-pin the gift of Mr J. McKie.

LAST night, an Indian constable named Boote Singh made a murderous attack upon Ojaga Singh, another constable, with his sword bayonet, inflicting serious injuries to Ojaga's head. About half-past five o'clock a number of Indian constables were conversing together in their quarters at the Central Police Station, during which Boote Singh was subjected to some chaff about his drill. Growing enraged at the taunts of the constables, he drew his sword-bayonet from its scabbard, rushed upon Ojaga Singh, and slashed him over the head inflicting severe injuries, and breaking the sword. The detectives' office is quite close to the Indian quarters, and hearing the disturbance a number of the detectives rushed out, and Boote Singh was placed under arrest. The injured man was removed to the Government Civil Hospital. At the Magistracy to-day, before Commander Hastings, the prisoner was charged with feloniously and unlawfully wounding Ojaga Singh with intent to do him grievous bodily harm. The case was remanded until the complainant was able to attend. It does not say much for the quality of the steel used in the manufacture of the Police swords that the weapon should have snapped on probably the first occasion it was tested.

THERE is little need to say more about the political situation (or 'crisis') than has already been said. We are still of opinion—and we know quite well it will be taken for what it is worth—that Russia will withdraw the claims which have caused the forward movement of Great Britain; and we understand definite news concerning the result will be known within the week. Apparently Russia got a fortnight to decide, and the day before Good Friday (7th instant) should give us the reply. The fact that all the machinery of Great Britain's power is under way, will doubtless lead Russia to think better of the course of obstruction (or aggression) she had planned for herself. The British Empire is unanimous over this matter, and the Salisbury Government would endanger its existence by any further concession. Firmness and determined action will now save much trouble and worry hereafter. If Russia concedes the British demands, the next point to consider is whether or not the Northern Power will bow to the Japanese. Where the British and Japanese line is to be drawn is a very interesting question. Our position being clearly defined to be that of commercial freedom, the Japanese may have grievances which do not end with trade concessions. That Britain is practically allied with Japan is pretty clear, and the chances are fairly equal that these two Powers will go most of the distance together. The news of the commission of a Flying Squadron of British ships for particular service abroad must be welcome to all commercial men. It means, apart from any other special service, that the Admiralty is fully alive to the protection of British commerce—a service which would necessarily be part of the duty of such a squadron. The details may not be accurate, but we believe the last is reliable, and it has a precedent in the squadron sent out, or held in readiness, two years ago.

MR A. Zimmermann, German Vice-Consul at Shanghai, has been appointed Civil Commissioner at Kiaochau Bay.

SERGT.-Major Lowry, late of Hongkong now of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, is spoken of by the Shanghai Press as 'a competent and skilful instructor.'

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospital begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Edinburgh Morningside Sunday School for Cot in Nethersole Hospital	$83.92

THE number of cases of plague reported during the twenty-four hours up till noon yesterday was 11, and 10 deaths occurred during that period, bringing up the total number of cases reported from the commencement of the year to 224, and the total number of deaths to 195.

THE natural instinct of the Chinaman to 'squeeze' when placed in any position of authority has been exemplified in several cases heard before Commander Hastings of late. Another case of demanding money with menaces was heard to-day, at the Magistracy. A woman residing at No. 42 Circular Pathway was assaulted by a Chinaman on the 17th March, and a district watchman who observed the disturbance came up and said he would report the woman for keeping a disorderly house unless $4 was paid over to him. The man who committed the assault upon the woman said if he was to be arrested he would go quietly along with the watchman. The woman paid over the $4 to the watchman. The occurrence came to the notice of the head district watchman, and he reported the matter to the Registrar-General, who instructed the Police, and Detective Sergeant Gidley arrested the watchman. At the Magistracy the watchman was charged with demanding money with menaces, and the coolie with assaulting the woman. The case was remanded.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

LONDON, 30th March, 1898.

SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

The optimist reports of Spanish concessions are unconfirmed. The war feeling in the United States has revived vigorously, and numerous resolutions have been presented to Congress demanding intervention in Cuba.

LORD SALISBURY.

Lord Salisbury has started for the Riviera.

THE BIJOU OPERA COMEDY COMPANY.

FAREWELL PERFORMANCE.

Last night, an unusually large audience filled the Theatre Royal to bid farewell to the Brough Comedy Company, which leaves for Shanghai by the mail steamer *Verona*. It is almost a pity that Pinero's farce 'Dandy Dick' was selected for the final performance of the season, for although the excellence and finish was quite up to the standard established by the Company during its stay here, the prevailing opinion is that the farce was scarcely worthy of the performers. At the same time, it must be confessed that there was not a point lost throughout the performance, and as the dialogue is full of lively quips the audience was kept in continual roars of laughter.

It is impossible to witness a performance of 'Dandy Dick' without recalling the appearance of the local A.D.C. in the same piece, and one is inclined to make invidious comparisons. The merit of Mrs Wrottesley's 'Georgiana Tidman' and of Mr Grace's 'Dean of St Marvell's' can now be fully understood by comparison with Mrs and Mr Brough's readings of the two principal characters; nor must we forget Mr Cæsar Hawkins' 'Sir Tristram Mardon,' which compared favourably with Mr Shine's. In saying this we wish in no way to detract from the excellence of these impersonations; only to congratulate our leading amateurs on scoring a success which can bear comparison with professional artists. It was in the minor parts, however, that the Brough Company made its points over the amateur cast. Mr M. Majeroni and Mr Roberts, as the two Jevesick Hussars, were exceedingly funny. Mr Hards, who has done a lot of conscientious acting in small parts during the Company's stay in Hongkong, made a hit as Dandy Dick's groom; Mr G. Majeroni's policeman was quite up to the stage ideal of the 'the man in blue'—we charitably hope he has no counterpart in real life; and Mr McIntyre as the sporting hypocritical Deanery butler was inimitably perfect.—Miss Temple and Miss Hardy were as charming as ever, and Miss Watt-Tanner made the best of her uncongenial part as the policeman's wife. The burden of the work fell on Mr Brough. We liked him as the Dean; but our pleasantest recollection of him will be as 'Mr Brabazon' in 'Sowing the Wind,' just as we will think of Mrs Brough's 'Mrs Tanqueray.'

We hope to see the Brough Comedy Company again in Hongkong. It has been the most successful company of entertainers it has been our lot to see, and though we were prepared to some extent by the generous eulogies of Mr Hudson last year, scarcely expected such all-round excellence. On the stage everything was as a rule perfect. The scenery is superb; the stage equipment harmonious and in good taste; the acting artistic and never jarring on the senses; the music, under the direction of Mr W. Robinson, R.A.M., invariably good. Much of the success is due also to the careful management of Mr Allan Hamilton. For our part it has been an unalloyed pleasure to write of the nightly performances of the Brough Comedy Company. Whatever praise has been bestowed was spontaneous in the highest terms of sincere enjoyment, and, as we consider, well merited. Hongkong parts from the Company with regret, and will welcome their early return.

THE CRISIS.

'If enny gentleman has a krisis concealed about his person, I would thank him 2 projuice it.'—*Artemus Ward.*

It is borne on the breath of the morning,
From the uttermost ends of the sea:
The note of defiance and warning,
That calls men to up and to be.
From the north, where the Russ is encroaching,
And the war eagles swoop to the fight,
Come tidings that mark the approaching
Triumph of right over might.

From the South, where the Frenchman is waiting
Prepared to be friend or be foe,
Comes the news that, no more hesitating,
Old England has said 'You must go.'
And over the far-heaving billows
Our iron-clad giants fly fast,
That landsmen may rest on their pillows,
Secure from war's perilous blast.

No vain, idle threats, no renouncing,
The prestige we hold on the sea;
Right is might, and we're right in denouncing
The Bear when he'd arrogant be.
And should he determine to brave us,
As he did in the days long gone by,
Not his is the power to enslave us,
For Britons can do and can die.

And, by Heaven, the boaster must dread us,
We who never yet threatened in vain,
Whose birth-pride and pluck have o'er led us
To victory o'er and again.
And so, let the Russian take warning,
Our flag is thrown wide to the breeze,
And the day of our vengeance is dawning
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For we mean to reign Queen of the Seas.

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THE ADMIRAL'S SIGNAL.

An incident occurred outside the harbour yesterday which indicates the desire of Admiral Sir E. Seymour for the mobilisation of all the available strength of the British Navy in these waters as quickly as possible in the North. Although the flagship left the harbour limits about eight o'clock yesterday morning it would appear that she had not immediately proceeded on her voyage north, for she was sighted by H.M.S. *Victorious* outside, and the following signal from the Admiral was hoisted on the *Centurion*:—'Orders are waiting for you; follow as soon as possible.' The *Centurion* then proceeded north, and the *Victorious* entered the harbour. The information that the stay of the *Victorious* was to be somewhat limited in the waters of the Colony had evidently been pretty well known to the Chinese who obtain a livelihood from the patronage of the warships, and as the large warship steamed up to her buoy she was surrounded by quite a swarm of dhoby boats to take off the ship's washing. So much annoyance was occasioned by these boats that the ship's fire hose had to be requisitioned to keep them at a safe distance.

The *Victorious* has been coaling all day, and is expected to be ready for sea to-morrow.

ADMIRAL FITZGERALD AT CHEFOO.

Chefoo, March 23.

Quite unexpectedly we are being visited by an imposing British Naval Squadron, Admiral Fitzgerald being here with his flagship H.M.S. *Grafton*, the *Powerful*, *Narcissus*, and *Iphigenia*. The *Phœnix* was not been hinted as yet that the Chinese official susceptibilities are hurt by the presence of the ships; it is almost a mistake to speak of their 'presence' as they have been anchored some four miles from the shore; the man-of-war anchorage of to-day is a fearful and terrible thing, and so is the language of those whose duties require their attendance on board, be they officials or only the humble contractor.—*N.-C. Daily News* Cor.

NEWS FROM COREA.

Seoul, March 23.

A great change has taken place in the politics of the peninsula during the last few weeks. The Emperor has asserted himself and dismissed Mr Alexieff, as well as the Russian military instructors. It is reported that they will all leave, but that their absence will be only temporary I am positive. The graver situation in China now induces Russia to move slowly in the peninsula, but a retrogressive policy is one which is quite foreign to our northern neighbours.

The increase of the Russian army in Eastern Siberia, which I know for a fact already consists of at least 80,000 men, is not in order to give the men an outing, nor is the sudden influx of the Russians here in the capital a picnic party. Straws indicate which way the wind blows, and if our weather-vane is not out of gear, at present the wind blows due North, although there is a temporary lull for the time being. Russians know as well as anybody and perhaps better, that when a partition of Corea takes place (or shall I say absorption?), the people who should be most interested will be the ones who are least considered, and consequently Russia will not suffer if Corea is left to her own devices for a few months longer.

THE CHANGE AT THE RUSSIAN LEGATION.

Mr de Speyer will soon be leaving us, being replaced by Mr Matunin whose baggage has already arrived. This change will be acceptable to most people for if one must lose one's great-coat it is much easier to have it taken off by the warm rays of the sun than blown away by the angry blasts of winter.

THE FUTURE.

A rumour has just reached Seoul that the British fleet intends to pay Chemulpo another visit. Whether or not the news will turn out to be true it is impossible to say at present. There are also rumours that trouble between Russia and Japan is impending, and this doubtless accounts for the ready acquiescence of Russia in the Emperor's decree. It is only necessary to turn back to the newspapers of three months ago to see that the contract which was signed between Russia and Corea was for an indefinite time and it is hardly possible that Corea has already learnt to manage her finances. By the same agreement Corea is bound not to engage other advisers and should she attempt to do so the Emperor will have a rude awakening.

Mr de Speyer has been recalled according to the latest reports and his appointment to China cancelled. He has certainly made a failure of his mission in Corea and lost that advanced Russian prestige.—*N.-C. Daily News* Cor.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

Shanghai, March 26.

Now that Russia has obtained her final payment from China for her assistance in turning the Japanese out of the Liaotung Peninsula, it is interesting to look back and see how exactly her demands were indicated in the two secret documents which we were enabled to publish to the incredulous world in 1896. It was a little more than two years ago that we published the secret treaty between China and Russia, though a year before that we mentioned that Wang Chih-chun had made a secret treaty with Russia when he went to St Petersburg to congratulate the Czar on his accession; while, later in 1895, a well-informed correspondent at Hongkong sent a telegram confirming our information to the London *Times*. All these statements, absolutely true as they were, were ridiculed at home. Russia formally denied them, and that was enough for the British Foreign Office and the semi-official Press. *Populus vult decipi, et decipiatur.*

The first detailed statement of Russia's intentions was published by us on the 3rd of March, 1896, in Shanghai, and by the *Times* in London on the same morning, but the *Times*, while publishing it, sneered at it as showing 'that the inventors of current reports have more imagination than knowledge.' Even well-informed people here who misdoubted Russia only accepted it as being a sketch of what Count Cassini would like to get China to agree to. The following is a summary of the terms of this 'secret treaty,' whose existence was so emphatically denied by Russia, though our informant had seen the actual document, endorsed with the word 'Approved' by the members of the Ministry of War at Peking:—

1.—An offensive and defensive alliance, allowing Russia full use of Chinese harbours and arsenals; with liberty to buy horses and engage coolies. If the other Powers remonstrate, China will plead *force majeure*.

2.—China offers Russia, Port Arthur, Kiaochiow, or any harbour in Kiangsu or Chêkiang, and provides the Russian ships with Chinese linguists.

3.—When China is in difficulties, Russia will come to her assistance.

4.—Russian officers to have free movement in Manchuria.

5.—Russia may continue the Siberian Railway to Talienwan or some other convenient point, giving China the right to purchase after fifteen years.

6.—Russia may fortify the island at Talienwan to protect the railway terminus.

7.—Russia may erect forts in China south of Vladivostock to protect the Siberian railway.

8.—Russia may march troops to Corea across the Yalu river.

9.—China gives every facility to Russian commerce by the Siberian railway.

10.—Russia lends officers to drill Chinese troops in Manchuria, Chihli, Shantung, Shansi, Shensi, and Kansu.

Publicists at home were especially amused by the provision that China should supply Russian men-of-war with interpreters, though as a matter-of-fact they were actually on board some of the ships when the treaty was published. It was regarded too as a 'most mysterious stipulation' that Russia might march troops into Corea across the Yalu, though nothing could really be less mysterious. There is nothing in this treaty that has not been or will not be carried out, except Russia's promise to come to China's assistance when she is in difficulties, in accordance with which Russia ought to have interfered with the German seizure of Kiaochow Bay. It has been argued that Russia's acquiescence in this seizure is a proof that China had not already ceded the Bay to Russia; but really Kiaochow Bay was only one of several harbours put at Russia's disposal, and the Russian Admirals had reported on it unfavourably.

The secret treaty took a definite shape in the Cassini Convention, a translation of which we published on the 28th of October, 1896. This Convention was officially denied and ridiculed, but unofficially it was treated with more respect, though there are still some who are obstinately unwilling to own that they made a mistake in proclaiming it to be a myth. When we published it, we summarised it as follows:—

'This document speaks for itself and gives Russia all she can want at present. It gives her the right to carry her Transiberian railway to Kirin in two directions, from some station in Siberia to the west of Kirin, and from Vladivostock. It provides that China may apply to Russia to build a continuation from Kirin to Shanhaikuan and Port Arthur, and it gives Russia the right to protect these lines when built with her own troops. All the lines are to be built to the Russian gauge. China gives Russia the right to work mines in Manchuria, and provides for the employment of Russian officers to drill the Manchurian levies. It gives Russia (on lease) the port of Kiaochou, and on emergency the use of Port Arthur and Talienwan, which are not to be ceded to any other Power; and it promises every facility to Russian merchants and travellers and Russian trade. All the most important points in the secret treaty which we gave to the world in March last are embodied in this, and time will show whether this is the full extent of China's gratitude to Russia.'

Sir Claude Macdonald's proposal that Talienwan should be opened as a treaty port forced Russia's hand, and obliged her to assert her claims under the Cassini Convention earlier than she perhaps intended to do. Our Foreign Office must regret now that it did not take the Cassini Convention more seriously, and that it accepted the Russian denial so ingenuously. The China Association here is doing everything it can to impress on our Government and the British public, as well, as that of the United States, the danger of the situation. We understand that it has pointed out to the London Committee of the Association and to the New York Chamber of Commerce that British and American commercial interests are alike imperilled by the aggression of Russia in Northern China; that it has no confidence in the promise that Talienwan shall be a free port, whatever that may mean; that if Russia is allowed to construct proposed railways in Manchuria, China cannot possibly observe her existing treaties with other Powers; and that unless Great Britain intervenes to prevent North China falling entirely under the domination of Russia, British influence and prestige here will be annihilated. The alternative seems to be for us to consent to the partition of China, and take our compensation in the Yangtze Valley; but this is an alternative which we have hitherto consistently refused to accept. As we wrote two years ago: 'The historian of the future, when he tells the story of the breaking-up of the oldest empire in the world, will date it from the time when Count Cassini was Russia's Minister at Peking.'—*N.-C. Daily News.*

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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE LATE DR U I KAI.—PROPOSED PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, 1st April 1898.

DEAR SIR,—The undersigned, having ascertained that the Widow and Children of the late Dr U I Kai are willing to accept of a public subscription, and having been communicated with by many of the deceased's friends and asked to take action in the matter, begs to notify that a meeting will be held in the Compradore's Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co. on Monday next, the 4th April, at 4 p.m., at which meeting a General Committee and Treasurer will be elected.—Yours, &c.,

HO TUNG.

[Any subscriptions for this purpose forwarded to this Office will be at once sent on to Mr Ho Tung.—ED. *C.M.*]

THE HONGKONG CRICKET WEEK.

THE RECKONING AT SHANGHAI.

At the annual meeting of the Shanghai C.C. on the 25th March, Mr I. Turner criticised the extraordinary expenditure which had been incurred in sending a team to Hongkong. He noticed that the cost of the team sent to Hongkong amounted to 12 per cent. of the income of the year. He thought it was extremely regrettable that before a team could be got together that it had to be made clear that their expenses would be paid. The S.C.C. was the premier club in Shanghai, and it was a most miserable confession to have to make that before the team could be got to go to Hongkong they would have to have the expenses paid. He thought that, seeing, as he had said, the expenses of this undertaking amounted to 12 per cent. of the income, that the Committee should have consulted the wishes of members. They disbursed this money solely on their own responsibility, and the Club got absolutely no return for this outlay. He had been told that the Club got a certain amount of *kudos*, but there was no *kudos* about not being able to send a team away without paying expenses. Then the team selected, he would remind them, consisted of over 50 per cent. non-members of the Club. He failed to see why the Committee should have appointed itself a committee of selection. They had a representative Club, and yet they must go outside to pick the remainder of the team. If it was a Port Team, represen ing the Port of Shanghai, then the Port should have borne its share, at any rate. The Committee, he held, had no authority for incurring this extraordinary expenditure without first finding out the views of members. The subscription was a high one, and if the Club had too much money surely they could do something with it, without making a present of a trip to Hongkong to members and non-members. He had also heard that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. had offered the Committee a free passage or, rather, return tickets at $20, but their steamer did not seem good enough for some members to return by, for they came back in the *Doric*. He thought Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. should have been thanked in the report for their offer. There was also a sum equalling $25 for silk flags and colours for clothing and ornamenting the team. He did not wish to oppose the adoption of the report and accounts, but thought some limit should be placed upon such extraordinary expenditure.

The Chairman disclaimed personal responsibility, and also said the existing Committee really only carried out arrangements made by the previous Committee. He was personally ignorant of what had been done, but he was of opinion that it was within the province of the Committee to use their own judgment in the matter. (Hear, hear.) He thought special meetings should only be called for important business. No doubt the Committee felt quite prepared when they asked the report and accounts to be passed that the members would support them. He was ignorant of the steamer question, but if any member thought anything had been done that ought not to have been done no doubt he would say so. He did not think the Committee had done anything wrong. (Hear, hear.)

Mr Farbridge said those who returned in the *Doric* did so as a matter of necessity, as they did not know when the other steamer was returning.

The Chairman referred to the difficulty of getting a team of business men together to play in matches out of Shanghai. And further it was absolutely necessary that they got a team from the Shanghai community.

The report and accounts having been seconded by Mr D. W. Crawford, were then put and adopted.

GLADSTONE'S malady is almost exactly like that from which Bismarck suffered so long, facial neuralgia and deep mental depression being the chief symptoms in both cases. The English statesman, however (says an American paper), is hardly likely to give the same explanation of his pains as was recently propounded by the grimly humorous Teuton. One day, when the latter was obliged to sit for hours with his fingers pressed hard against his cheeks for the sake of getting a little relief, he is said to have remarked: 'This is only just; in my life I have sinned most with my mouth—eating, drinking and talking.'

UNLESS followed by action—and that decided action—the declarations of the Government as to their resolution to maintain, unfettered and unrestricted by the action of the other Powers or by the bad faith of China, our treaty rights and privileges in that empire would be useless. It is hoped and believed that pressure is being put upon China to adopt proposals of our Government specially directed to secure the objects thus formulated. But while we are talking, the other Powers are continuing to maintain pretensions which are absolutely incompatible with the position our Ministers have taken up. What is wanted, is not bold or menacing speeches, but a clear, definite declaration addressed to China and all the Powers—a demand from her of additional guarantees for the maintenance of our rights—a notice and warning to them that this country repudiates as to China the doctrine of spheres of influence, and will oppose any attempts to give effect to any such doctrine. If other Governments decline to give us satisfactory assurances to that effect, we should at once proceed to secure our position by overt acts. The issue is between our policy of 'Hands Off' and the game of grab. It may be that all is being done which needs to be done; but while the country is kept in the dark as to what is taking place, and words of doubtful import escape from Ministerial lips, and language which is very far from dubious is used by the Ministers of other Powers, it is no wonder if the country does not feel as confident about the course our Government is pursuing as it wishes to be.—*Overland Mail.*

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WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 1st at 11.55 a. The barometer has risen quickly on the E. coast of China, and is little changed in the South. Pressure is highest over N. China, lowest in the depression now probably lying over Japan. Gradients are steeper with the monsoon freshening on the China coast. Forecast:—wind changing to NE and freshening; changeable, probably some rain.

TRADE WITH THIBET.

The Chungking correspondent of the *China Gazette* wrote on the 9th March:—Mr G. Litton, of the British Consular Service, returned here on 5th inst. from a five weeks' journey to Ta Kien Lon, the main gate-way to Thibet from Szechuen through which the tea traffic is conducted.

The mountains and the passes were of course covered with snow, one of the latter crossed being 14,000 feet above sea level, but business along this great commercial highway was apparently brisk even at this the coldest season of the year. On this journey and on his late tour to Song Pan Ting Mr Litton encountered the energetic native agents of Mr A. J. Little forwarding the interests of British trade even up to the borders of Thibet.

Mr Litton will now take over the Consular duties in room of Mr J. N. Tratman, who goes home to England on furlough, and no better man could be found to fill the post knowing as he does the Chinese people and their language from personal contact and use, and being well informed as to affairs in general in West China.

THE *N.-C. Daily News* of the 29th March says:—A special correspondent at Chungking telegraphs that the militia who made the attack on the mission at Kiangpeh have dispersed, but no arrests have been made, nor has the Taotai been trying to make any, as he alleges that he has no instructions to do so from Peking.

THE Tientsin correspondent of the Shanghai *Mercury* writes:—The Peking-Tientsin railway line, so far as it is finished, is working most satisfactorily, to the credit of Mr C. W. Kinder. There are other lines to connect with this one, one to Liukokcheao in Shansi, as well as to Changchuihsien; the latter will connect with those very rich mines at Mantikoh, the western hills of Peking. An Edict has been issued for both these lines.

AN official telegram from the Chinese gold mines at Mulio, in the Amoor region, reports that large bodies of Russians have crossed into Chinese territory, that it looks as if these troops were to be divided into three corps of from 12,000 to 15,000 men each, and that one of these corps would probably be encamped in the vicinity of the mines in question. Each corps is fitted out as if for a long march and comprises all three arms of the service.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

A HANKOW telegram states that Russian agents are enlisting a lot of agriculturalists for the north for a period of five years and wages of $15 per month to each volunteer agriculturist. It is also noted that so far over a hundred men from the agricultural districts near Wuchang and Hanyang have signified their willingness to go to the north. There is some doubt, however, as to whether the 'north' means Siberia or Manchuria.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

THE Ichang correspondent of the *N.-C. Daily News* wrote on the 17th March:—Mr Haas, the French Consul at Chungking, passed here a few days ago in company with his good lady, *en route* for that port. Mr Haas is justly distinguished for the fertility of his mind. He has just returned from France, and, among the many schemes to receive the initiative at Chungking, the erection of a new Consulate takes a primary place. From this edifice schemes of more or less importance will undoubtedly have their inception. The rich province of Szechuan, with the neighbouring provinces of Yunnan and Kweichow, are sufficient to resuscitate and develop zeal and cupidity in matters political and mercantile. Then, the prospect of diverting British commerce (though in itself remote) can at least be viewed from that interesting centre. No doubt the advent of Mr Duclos, mining engineer in the interests of the Lyons Commission, has caused the French commercial star to ascend, as there are minerals of more intrinsic value than salt looming in his mind's eye. This gentleman, who travelled in company with the French Consul, has also proceeded to Szechuan, where he may derive such information as will incite the interest of those under whose auspices he has undertaken this tour of investigation. When finished, he will institute a process of elimination that will tax their mental energies for some considerable time to come.

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Last Year, ...		—
,, Allowance, Taels, ...		—
,, Old Malwa credit, ...		80 1/050
,, Allowance, Taels, ...		0/8
Persian, Oil?, cash, ...		—
,, Allowance, Taels, ...		—
Persian, Paper tied		650/660
,, Allowance, Taels, ...		nil.

Hongkong Register.

	Previous day at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer ...	29 83	29.93	29.82
Temperature	80	76	79
Humidity ...	71	84	78
Direction of Wind ...	SSW	—	S
Force	1	0	1
Weather	b	o	c
Rain	—	—	—

Highest upon six thermometers on the 1st instant 80° Lowest upon six thermometers on the 1st instant 69°

F. G. Pike, *First Assistant.*

Hongkong Observatory, April 1, 1898.

Notices to Consignees.

STEAMSHIP *SALAZIE*.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London and Havre, ex S.S. *Memphis* and *Cambodge*, and from Bordeaux ex S.S. *Ville de Valenciennes*, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure, and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 6 p.m., SUNDAY, the 27th Inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 4th April, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before MONDAY, the 4th April, or they will not be recognised.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 4th April, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 28, 1898. 637

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 30, 1898. 651

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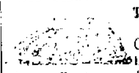


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Captain WRIGHT, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 2nd April, at Noon.

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Hongkong, March 30, 1898. 632

FOR SHANGHAI AND CHINKIANG.



The Steamship
Pengyang,
Captain R. KÖHLER, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 2nd April, at 2 p.m.

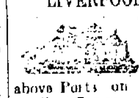
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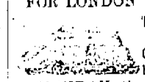
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Captain TH. FOERCK, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 2nd April, at 5 p.m.

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Hongkong, March 22, 1898. 545

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.



The Co.'s Steamship
Dardanus,
Captain GREGORY, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 4th April, at Noon.

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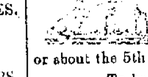


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Kwongsang,
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Hongkong, March 31, 1898 663

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.



The Steamship
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POTTER, Master, will be despatched as above on or about the 5th April.

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S.S. *Merionethshire*, on or about 3rd May.
S.S. *Queen Margaret*, on or about 17th May.
S.S. *St. Ninian*, on or about 31st May.
S.S. *Craigearn*, on or about 14th June.

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Hongkong, March 15, 1898. 519

NOTICE.

FOR SYDNEY, *VIA* THURSDAY ISLAND AND TOWNSVILLE.



The British Steamship
Jacob Christensen,
Capt. J. B CARPENTER, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 7th April, at 3 p.m.

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Hongkong, March 28, 1898. 603

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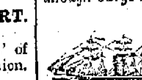
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Hongkong, March 30, 1898. 655

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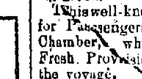
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Hongkong, March 28, 1898. 644

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.



The Steamship
Lennox
to be despatched for the above Ports on or about 20th April.

S.S. *Energia*, to sail about 5th May.
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S.S. *Fathan*, to sail about 15th June.

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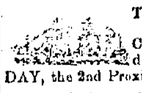
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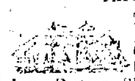
The Co.'s Steamship
Antenor,
Captain JACKSON, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 2nd Proximo, at Daylight.

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Hongkong, March 31, 1898. 664

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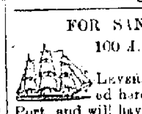
The Co.'s Chartered S.S.
Nanyang,
Captain LEHMANN, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 3rd April, at Daylight.

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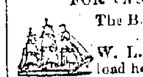


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Hongkong, March 7, 1898 481

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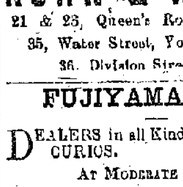
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Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

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H. A. RITCHIE,
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P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, March 21, 1898 590

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m.; Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 8th April. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 28, 1898. 640

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Prinz Heinrich	Wednesday	August 17.
Darmstadt	Wednesday	Sept. 14.
Preussen	Wednesday	October 12.
Sachsen	Wednesday	November 9.
Bayern	Wednesday	December 7.
Prinz Heinrich	Wednesday	Jan. 4, 1899.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of April, 1898, at 9 a.m., the Company's S.S. *PRINZ HEINRICH*, Captain O. CLIPPERS, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, *calling at* NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 25th April, Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 p.m., on TUESDAY, the 26th April, and Parcels will be received (at the Agency's Office) until Noon, on TUESDAY, the 26th April. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

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Hongkong, March 30, 1898. 654

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U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Peking (via S'hai, N'saki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	SATURDAY, April 9, at noon.
China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	SATURDAY April 30, at noon.
Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	THURSDAY, May 19, at noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 9th April, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

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J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 23, 1898 615

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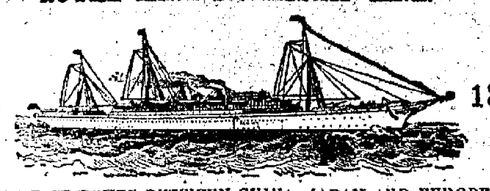
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Hongkong, February 10, 1898. 604

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Hongkong, March 17 1898. 565

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers.	Destinations.	Sailing Dates.
KAWACHI MARU, J. S. THOMSON,	YOKOHAMA (DIRECT).	THURSDAY, 7th April, at at 4 p.m.
RIOJUN MARU, A. E. MOSES,	YOKOHAMA (DIRECT).	SATURDAY, 9th April, at noon.
MATSUYAMA MARU, J. NIBE,	KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	THURSDAY, 14th April, at 4 p.m.
TAMBA MARU, H. BARNES,	MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, *Via* SINGAPORE, (Transhipping Cargo for JAVA PORTS) PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID.	THURSDAY, 28th April, at 4 p.m.

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A. S. MIHARA, *Manager.*

Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 613

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Via Shanghai, Inland Sea of Japan, Kobe and Yokohama.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH Northern Pacific Railway Co.

Steamer.	Tons	Captain.	Proposed Sailing
Columbia	2616	A. Gow	April 6
Tacoma	2549	A. Dixon	April 26
Victoria	3167	J. Truebridge	May 17
Olympia	3068	C. H. Dobson	June 7

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co.

Steamer.	Tons	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
Argyll	1906	W. Ward	May 3
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Mogul	655	W. H. Wright	June 21
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Hongkong, March 31, 1898. 660

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Hongkong, March 23, 1898. 616

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Subscribed Capital............£2,750,000.0.0
Paid-up Capital.................£687,500.0.0
Fire Funds.......................£2,601,016.2.9

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to Accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at Current Rates.
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Hongkong, July 23, 1896. 1547

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Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Description.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Alacrity	despatch-vessel	1700	10	3000	Commander Smith-Dorrien	Chefoo
Algerine	sloop	1050	6	1805	Lieut.-Com. E. H. Grafton	Chefoo
Archer	cruiser, 3rd class	1770	6	3500	Comdr. C. J. Kingsmill	Chefoo
Barfleur	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Capt. R. N. Custance	Chefoo
Bonaventure	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	9000	Capt. R. A. J. Montgomerie	en route
Centurion*	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Captain Jellicoe	Chefoo
Daphne	sloop	1150	8	2000	Commander Galloway	Shanghai
Edgar	cruiser, 1st class	7350	12	12,000	Capt. J. R. Bridson	Chefoo
Esk	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200	Lt.-Com. Chadwick	Woosung
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. H. A. Gillett	Chefoo
Firebrand	gunboat, 2nd class	455	2	360	Lieut. P. S. St. John	Hongkong
Gibraltar	cruiser, 1st class	7700	12	12,000	Capt. H. F. Hughes-Hallett	en route
Grafton†	cruiser, 1st class	73 0	12	12,000	Captain E. P. Jones	Chefoo
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. A. Gillespie	Chefoo
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. H. F. Shakespear	Chefoo
Humber	storeship	1640	—	800	Commander Gransmore	Hongkong
Immortalité	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Captain Edward Chichester	Hongkong
Iphigenia	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. H. T. Dudding	Chefoo
Linnet	gunboat, 2nd class	756	2	870	Commander R. C. Sparkes	Hongkong
Narcissus	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Comdr. W. C. C. Forsyth	Chefoo
Peacock	gunboat, 1st class	750	6	1200		Hongkong
Phœnix	sloop	1950	6	1400	Capt. Cochrane	Chemulpo
Pigmy	gunboat, 1st class	750	6	1200	Lieut. Dormer	Shanghai
Pique	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. A. C. Corry	Chefoo
Plover	gunboat, 1st class	755	6	1200	Lieut. Spencer V. Y. de Horsey	Singapore
Powerful	cruiser, 1st class	14,200	14	25,000	Capt. Hon. H. Lambton	Chefoo
Rainbow	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. V. A. Tisdall	Chefoo
Rattler	gunboat, 1st class	715	6	1200	Lt.-Com. Hon. G. A. Hardinge	Hakodate
Redpole	gunboat, 1st class	805	6	1200	Lieut. C. P. R. Coode	Swatow
Swift	gun-vessel, 2nd class	756	2	870	Lieut. S. Beaumont	Borneo
Tamar	receiving ship	2047	—	—	Commodore S. Holland	Hongkong
Tweed	g-bt 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200		Hongkong
Undaunted	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Capt. A. C. Clarke	Chefoo
Victor Emanuel	receiving ship	5157	14			Hongkong
Victorious	battleship, 1st class	14,900	16	12,000	Capt. A. Schomberg	Hongkong
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. Barton	Chefoo
Wivern	coastdefenceship, armoured	2750	4	1000		Hongkong

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* Flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour, K.C.B. † Flagship of Rear-Admiral Fitzgerald.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at
Admiral Korniloff	Russian cruiser	5500	16	9000	Captain Molas	Port Arthur
Aleout	Russian gunboat	610	2	730	Captain Parenogo	Vladivostock
Arcona	German cruiser	1640	8	2930	Captain Becker	Kiaochau
Argos	Spanish gunboat	508	2	600	Commander R. Cabezas	Manila
Aspic	French gunboat	475	3	450	Commander Journet	Along Bay
Bayard	French flagship	6300	12	4500	Captain Joannet	Along Bay
Bengo	Portuguese gunboat	400	3	400	Lt.-Comdr. Marques	Macao
Bobro	Russian sloop	950	2	1150	Captain Boisman	Shanghai
Boston	U. S. cruiser	3000	8	3700	Captain F. Wildes	Hongkong
Bruix	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Parfait	en route
Castilla	Spanish cruiser	3260	6	4400	Capt. A. Martin de Oliva	Manila
Cebu	Spanish troopship	532	2	600	Lieut. A. Barrera	Manila
Comète	French gunboat	495	3	600	Lieut. Simon	Saigon
Concord	U. S. cruiser	—	—	—	Com. A. Walker	Hongkong
Cormoran	German cruiser	1640	8	2900	Capt. Brussatis	Kiaochau
Descartes	French cruiser	4000	14	8500	Capt. Philibert	Hoihow
Deutschland	German ironclad	8000	—	8000	Captain Plachte	Hongkong
Dimitri Donskoi	Russian cruiser	6000	16	7000	Capt. Witthofft	Nagasaki
Don Antonio de Ulloa	Spanish cruiser	1200	4	1523	Com. E. Robion	Manila
Don Juan de Austria	Spanish cruiser	1130	4	1600	Commander J. de la Concha	Manila
Eclaireur	French cruiser	1658	8	2050	Capt. Texier	Shanghai
Elcano	Spanish gunboat	560	3	600	Lieut.-Com. F. Escudero	Manila
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	500	9	3500	Capt. Serebrennikff	—
Gefion	German 2nd class cruiser	4109	10	9000	Captain Follenius	Hongkong
General Alava	Spanish troopship	1200	2	1000	Capt. R. Rodriguez Trujillo	Manila
General Lezo	Spanish gunboat	520	3	600	Lieut.-Com. R. Benavente	Manila
Gremiastchy	Russian gunboat	1490	2	2000	Capt. Bouchanoff	Nagasaki
Helena	U. S. gunboat	1392	8	1988	Commander Swinburne	en route
Irene	German cruiser	4200	8	2930	Commander de Bois	Amoy
Isla de Cuba	Spanish protected cruiser	1048	4	2200	Commander D. Regalado	Manila
Isla de Luzon	Spanish protected cruiser	1048	4	2200	Commander P. Barreto	Manila
Jean Bart	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Thesmar	Along Bay
Kaiser	German flagship	7677	15	5700	Captain Zeye	Kiaochau
Kaiserin Augusta	German cruiser	6331	20	14,000	Captain Koellner	Hongkong
Korejetz	Russian sloop	1200	9	2150	Captain Lindestroem	Yokohama
Kreiser	Russian sloop	1542	2	1800	Captain Isivinsk	Shanghai
Liberal	Portuguese gunboat	—	—	—	Com. C. d'Athayde	Macao
Manila	Spanish transport	1900	2	750	Lieut.-Com. J. J. Ozamis	Manila
Mandshur	Russian sloop	1200	3	1400	Commander Kachaloff	Chemulpo
Marques del Duero	Spanish gunboat	500	3	550	Lt.-Com. S. Morona de Guerra	Manila
Monocacy	U. S. sloop	1370	6	850	Com. O. W. Farenholt	Shanghai
Marco Polo	Italian cruiser	1487	—	—	Captain Incoronato	Hongkong
Navarin	Russian 2nd class battleship	10,0 0	4	—	Captain Feniche	Nagasaki
Olympia	U. S. flagship	58 0	14	17,363	Captain Gridley	Hongkong
Otvajny	Russian gunboat	1490	2	2000	Captain Coprianoff	Nagasaki
Pamiat Azova	Russian cruiser	6000	15	8000	Captain Virecnius	Port Arthur
Panther	Austrian cruiser	1540	2	6000	Commander Baron Dechan	Saigon
Pascal	French cruiser	3988	14	8500	Captain de Brétizel	Along Bay
Petrel	U. S. gunboat	892	4	1092	Commander E. R. Wood	Hongkong
Prinzess Wilhelm	German cruiser	4400	12	8000	Captain Thiele	Kiaochau
Reina Cristina	Spanish cruiser	3500	6	3950	Captain L. Cadarso	Amoy
Raleigh	U. S. cruiser	3200	11	10,000	Comdr. Coghlan	Hongkong
Rossia	Russian cruiser	12,200	—	—	Captain Domojiroff	Nagasaki
Rurik	Russian flagship	10,923	26	13,250	Comdr. Rodionoff	Port Arthur
Silatch	Russian gunboat	950	2	1125	Captain Barranoff	Vladivostock
Sissoi Veliky	Russian 2nd class battleship	10,000	14	8500	Captain Barenago	Nagasaki
Sivootch	Russian cruiser	950	2	1120	Captain Astromoff	Nagasaki
Surprise	French gunboat	620	2	900	Captain de Plessix	Saigon
Vauban	French flagship	—	—	—	Captain Boutet	en route
Velasco	Spanish gunboat	1152	3	1500	Commander F. Reboul	Manila
Vladimir Monomach	Russian armoured cruiser	5796	16	7000		Singapore
Vsadnik	Russian gunboat	600	11	3500	Capt. Rogulia	—
Zabiiaka	Russian cruiser	1230	6	1194	Commander Vanderskr	Nagasaki

WHAT MAKES THEM CRY?

You have a very sore finger, let us say. It may be a hurt, a boil—or, worse still, that fearfully painful thing, a felon. Oh, my! oh, my! What a time you have been trying to protect that poor finger. It is all the time getting hit or knocking against something. Simply to keep it out of harm's way worries you more than doing a day's work; and you don't succeed—and wouldn't, even with a dozen policemen to help you. You are scared of a fly threatening to light on it.

That is the principal on which Mrs Elizabeth Allen couldn't bear the least noise. She had no sore finger, but she had what was still more sensitive—a body full of sore nerves; weak, starved, unstrung nerves. So the prattle of children, the closing of a door, the momentary roar of a waggon in the street, the clatter of dishes in the kitchen, the thousand and one sounds and noises that are in the air constantly—why, the smallest of them struck her like a blow from a club. Noises which are not regarded by a well person are like volleys of musketry to one in this condition. Millions of women know all about it, and plenty of men, too—crowds of them. You recognise them on sight—those who are subject to this affliction. Their lined foreheads, their bright, suspicious eyes, their self-protecting gestures and manner—you've seen them. Perhaps you are one of them yourself. If so, you'd give all your money and mortgage your future to have a stronger set of nerves, wouldn't you? Let's talk about it two minutes, first quoting the lady's letter, which is dated May 11th, 1893, and written from her home, 263, Syston Street, Leicester.

'For many years,' she says, 'I suffered from indigestion and weakness. After meals I had a great pain at my chest. Every few days I had an attack of sick headache, and had to be constantly lying down on the couch; I strained and heaved a good deal, and spat up a sour nauseous fluid. As time went on I got very weak and nervous, and could'nt bear the least noise.

'I took all sorts of medicines and consulted doctors, but nothing did me much good. Later on I came to hear of Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and after taking it a short time the disease left me, and I was able to relish and digest my food. Owing to the virtue of this remedy I now keep in good health. (Signed) Elizabeth Allen.'

And here is Mr W. Nash, who says: 'For fully ten years I suffered from periodic attacks of biliousness. At times a severe headache,—preceded by excessive drowsiness; at other times vomiting, and retching for a whole day; at other times sleeplessness, pain in the chest, side, and stomach, coated tongue and bad breath—that was the way it acted with me. I grew very melancholy, and was not able to follow my business. I consulted doctors and used tonics, &c., but they only made me worse.

'I had constantly heard of your wonderful remedy, Mother Seigel's Syrup, but didn't believe in it. Then I read in *Wit and Wisdom* a case like mine that the Syrup had cured; so I tried it, and the first bottle acted like magic. The pains left me the first week, I repeated my food no more, *and in a month all my ills were gone. Bless Mother Seigel for ever,* I say.—Yours gratefully,' (Signed) W. Nash, 331, Goswell Road, E.C., London, October 2nd, 1893.'

Now, where is there room enough on paper to sufficiently praise a medicine that will do what this one did for these two good friends of ours? All pain remember is nervous pain, and in the above case it was the foul and inflamed stomach, which, by stopping digestion, starved the nerves and made them cry out. What won't cry out when it is starved? Babies will, men will, women will, nerves will.

Mother Seigel's medicine set the stomach in order and gave the nerves some food. Then what? Why, quiet, comfort, strength, rest, enjoyment. 'Bless Mother Seigel,' indeed.

LOVE AND POLITICS.

The following is taken from a Home paper:—

At the Liverpool assizes, on Tuesday, an action for breach of promise of marriage was brought by Miss Annie Black, bookkeeper for a Liverpool poulterer and fishmonger, against T. J. Sparling, a butcher in St. John's market, in the same city. The plaintiff is 23, and the defendant 37 years old. Plaintiff's counsel stated that the defendant had 'kept company' with the plaintiff, taken her trips, and had written her letters addressed, 'My dearest sweetheart,' 'some of which were certainly novelties in the literature of love.' They dealt largely with politics, and ended 'Yours by a large majority.' Thus in September, 1894, the defendant, having heard a speech by Mr Chamberlain, wrote a notable letter. After sending all good wishes to his 'dearest sweetheart,' he went on to say he had heard Mr Chamberlain and was 'very much impressed with him,' (laughter). Whether this showed the defendant's good sense or not, counsel added, he did not know. It all depended (laughter). The defendant went on to describe Mr Chamberlain as 'a deliberate and incisive speaker, who stepped on to the platform as if he had walked out of his frame (laughter). His sonorous voice was adapted to the building, and in a dramatic, telling manner he emphasized his several points. His earnestness, humour, sarcasm, and ironic praise of his opponents was unequalled in my personal experience (renewed laughter.) His coolness was remarkable and vociferous applause he received unmoved. His single eyeglass he wore with refreshing assurance (laughter). His orchid graced his buttonhole (laughter). On the Home Rule question—it is difficult to say anything that has not been said before but he accomplished it.' (laughter).—The defendant concluded by describing Mr. Chamberlain's idea of the general election resulting in the extinction of the bogey of Home Rule. This letter concluded, 'Yours by a large majority, Tom.'—Evidence for the plaintiff was given corroborating counsel's opening. The defendant denied any promise to marry. He said his receipts were 2*l.* a week.—The jury awarded plaintiff 60*l.* damages

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Hongkong Tides.

The Tide Table given below has been compiled by the Nautical Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-8-9.

The zero of the table is Low Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 2 feet below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 ft. 7 in., and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 12 ft. 9 in. the height given in the table.

2nd to 8th April.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	High Water: Hongkong Mean Time.	High Water: Height.	Low Water: Hongkong Mean Time.	Low Water: Height.
		h m	ft. in.	h m	ft. in.
Sat.	2	m 5 27	2 8	m 0 15	−0 5
		5 16 a	3 8	m 11 16	2 1
Sun.	3	m 6 0	2 5	m 0 51	−0 7
		6 47 a	3 10	0 75 a	1 6
Mon.	4	m 6 1	2 9	m 1 23	−0 8
		7 3 a	4 0	1 12 a	0 10
Tues.	5	m 5 6	3 3	m 1 59	−0 7
		6 9 a	4 0	1 55 a	0 5
Wed.	6	m 6 20	3 6	m 2 15	−0 6
		8 34 a	3 11	2 31 a	−0 5
Thur.	7	m 8 46	4 0	m 2 56	−0 8
		9 41 a	3 2	3 10 a	−1 0
Fri.	8	m 9 21	4 0	m 3 15	0 11
		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

THE ART OF ADVERTISING.

The other day I picked up a copy of "Fowler's Publicity" which I have amongst my other books in my business library. In the chapter called "Probable Proverbs," I noticed one paragraph that just at that moment appealed very strongly to my mind. This is the paragraph: "Many a man thinks he doesn't advertise, and credits something else with his success. He fools himself, for half of the something else which he thinks isn't advertising may be advertising."

I recently had an experience with rather a large merchant who claimed that he had never advertised in his life and that none of the success of his business could be traced to advertising, and therefore he did not see any reason why he should advertise now. There were two or three things that I noticed about this man's business. In the first place it could not be denied that he had built up a good business, and that this business had made him fairly wealthy. I began to wonder what was responsible for this man's business success, and, after considerable looking into it, I found out some facts that would have probably surprised the merchant himself if he had looked at the matter in the same way that I had. In the first place the business was established forty years ago, and undoubtedly in forty years it ought to have grown. In the second place I found out that this man's store had always occupied a prominent position on a good business street, and that he had always plenty of show windows around his store, and that he had always kept these show windows nicely dressed with goods, and these goods marked with attractive prices. Then again I found out that this man occupied in his younger life quite a prominent position socially. He belonged to every club and association that he could possibly join. I then learned that he had paid out each year from five hundred to one thousand dollars in fees to various clubs and lodges. I next learned that this man was known to be very charitable, no church or association ever came to his store and asked for a donation, but what they got it.

This merchant had in his employ some ten or fifteen clerks. He required all of them to carry in their pockets a number of his business cards to give them out on all occasions when they could possibly do so.

Now this is one of the cases where half of what the merchant thought was something else, was after all simply advertising. It may have been poor advertising, it probably was, because the merchant could have secured better results with the same expenditure and trouble if the advertising had been directed in another line. As my investigations continued, I found that the merchant had a competitor, and I began to look into the business of this competitor. The competitor's store had only been in existence four years and occupied a location no more favorable than our merchant friend who did not advertise.

Strange to say, however, this competitor, who had begun four years ago with very little capital, now had a business just as big as the other merchant. I thought to myself there must be some reason for this, and I looked about to find out. I found that the new store had persistently and regularly advertised through the daily papers, and this was practically all that this new store had done, so I think that from this comparison we may draw a moral. The older merchant had been advertising after a fashion and didn't know it. The new merchant had been advertising and did know it. So to sum the whole matter up, the old merchant had built a business in forty years by hard work and a system of advertising which he called by another name. The new merchant had built just as large a business in four years, and will in all probability in the next four years be far in advance and far richer than the merchant who is fooling himself.

I read on a little further in this same chapter of Mr Fowler's book and I came to this sentence: 'The lazy merchant wants advertising to do all the work.'

I don't know whether you would call such a merchant lazy or not, but I know of a certain man who once began to advertise and advertised regularly for five days. At the end of five days he came to the conclusion that advertising doesn't pay, simply because he had not secured from his advertising the probable results that he had expected.

This merchant had an idea that simply to advertise was the whole thing. If advertising was any good at all, it ought to do everything. He put the advertisements in the paper. The advertisements were good enough in their way, but he expected these advertisements to do everything. He expected the next morning when he came down to business to see the streams of people standing in line waiting for the store to open. He expected that these people would walk right into the store, demand the article that was advertised, almost wrap it up themselves, lay down their money and walk out with the goods under their arms.

Quite a number of people answered his advertisements, but he said he had not received results that would justify him to continue. I found on questioning him about the matter that he had the following complaint to make: He did not sell enough of the goods to make back in profit the whole cost of the first advertisement. He was foolish to expect this, because I don't believe the first advertisement ever pays any one to that extent; it is only by continuous advertising that the cost and additional profit comes back.

This merchant also complained that his advertising did not do him any good, because when the customers came to the store, his clerks had to talk to them just as hard and use just as much persuasion to sell as if the advertisement had not been in the paper.

Now I have always contended, and will always contend, that the principal part of the advertising is the backing up of the advertising in the store. Good store management is just as important a part of advertisement as good writing. The man who tells you that he can make your business pay by writing your advertisements for you and letting everything else take care of itself, is deceiving both himself and you. The writing and placing of advertisements is only half of the work. The merchant who expects his advertising to do the whole thing without any assistance, or backed up by him, will ninety-nine times out of one hundred be the very merchant who is prone to complain that advertising does not pay.—*Printers' Ink.*

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Wladivostock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	30.06	—	—	NE	4	—	—
Kochi	29.91	—	—	—	0	—	—
Nagasaki	29.76	—	—	SE	6	—	—
Kagoshima	29.83	—	—	E	4	—	—
Gutzlaff	29.75	58	94	WNW	2	om	—
Sharp Pk.	29.72	72	78	SE	3	b	—
Amoy	29.77	77	82	SE	3	b	—
Swatow	—	—	—	W	2	c	—
Canton	29.80	81	83	SSW	1	o	—
Hongkong	29.83	80	71	SSW	1	b	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	SSW	4	—	—
Gap Rock	29.82	—	—	SSE	2	—	—
Macao	29.83	80	—	SSE	1	c	—
Haiphong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bolinao	29.79	88	68	N	2	b	—
Manila	29.80	91	61	S	1	c	—
C.S. James	—	—	—	NE	3	b	—

April 1st.—AT 10 A.M.

Station.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.	Rain.
Wladivostock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gutzlaff	30.15	48	63	N	5	om	—
Sharp Pk.	30.01	63	81	NE	3	cg	—
Amoy	29.98	72	85	NE	2	c	—
Swatow	—	—	—	W	1	b	—
Canton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hongkong	29.98	76	84	—	0	o	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	SSW	2	—	—
Gap Rock	29.91	—	—	S	1	—	—
Macao	29.91	79	—	S	1	c	—
Haiphong	29.87	74	88	—	0	c	—
Bolinao	29.86	84	79	N	1	b	—
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C.S. James	—	—	—	SE	2	b	—

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Hongkong Observatory, April 1, 1898.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths, and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER, *b* blue sky, *c* detached clouds, *d* drizzling rain, *f* fog, *g* gloomy, *h* hail, *l* lightning, *o* overcast, *p* passing showers, *q* squally, *r* rain, *s* snow, *t* thunder, *v* visibility, *w* dew (wet).
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Trubner's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the *China Review*:—The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, some what similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked or from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the *Review* by papers highly creditable to their respective authors . . . Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. O. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the *Review*, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that 'Notes' and 'Queries' are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the *China Review* may receive the support necessary to ensure its continuance.

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The sender must fill up a form of Customs Declaration, which can be obtained free at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted till this is completely and accurately filled. The only articles ordinarily sent from China which are liable to duty are Tea and Tobacco.

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Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellett's Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	*Anchorage*	*Captain.*	*Flag and Rig.*	*Tons nett.*	*Date of Arrival.*	*Consignees or Agents.*	*Destination*	*Remarks.*
Steamers								
Antenor	...	Jackson	Brit. str.	6586	Mar. 31	Butterfield & Swire		
Apcrade	3 c	pland	Ger. str.	611	Mar. 24	Jebsen & Co.		
Bengloe	...	Thomson	Brit. str.	1950	Mar. 2-	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Butuan	...	Maddrigo	Span. str.	328	Feb. 16	B andao & Co.		Kloon Dock
Ceres	...	Th. Fonck	Ger. str.	2200	M r. 30	Siemssen & Co.		
Chi Yuen	3 h	Jamieson	Chi. str.	1271	Mar. 26	C. M. S. N. Co.		
China	3 c	Schipper	Ger. str.	1275	April 1	Siemssen & Co.		
Choysang	3 c	Bowker	Brit. str.	1194	April 1	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Chwnahan	3 c	Forgusn	Brit. str.	1250	Mar. 25	Bradley & Co.		
City of Peking	5 c	J. T. Smith	Amer. str.	3128	Mar. 30	P. M. S. S. Co.	San Francisco	
Coptic	...	Sealby	Brit. str.	2774	Mar. 6	O. & O. S. S. Co.	.....	Joo'an Dock
Empress of China	5 h	Pybus	Brit. str.	3093	Mar. 23	C. P. R. Co.	Vancouver, B.C.	
Esmeralda	6 c	Fayler	Brit. str.	966	Mar. 31	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Amoy & Manila	
Gleufalloch	8 c	Peters	Brit. str.	1434	April 1	Chinese		
Hailan	3 c	Gerard	Fren. str.	377	Mar. 31	A. R. Marty		
Hakusen Maru	...	Y. Kubota	Japan. str.	2193	Mgr. 2-	Nippon Yusen Kaisha		
Hanoi	3 c	Menard	French str	742	Mar. 30	A R. Marty	Haiphong	
Hiusang	8 c	Crockett	Brit. str.	1513	Mar. 29	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Hohenzollern	5 k	Bleeker	Ger. str.	2039	Mar. 27	Melchers & Co.		
Hydaspes	...	J. L. Daniel	Brit. str.	1911	Mar. 29	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Jacob Caristensen	3 c	Hansen	Norw. str.	1088	Mar. 12	Sander, Wieler & Co.		
Jacob Diedrichsen	3 c	Schlaikier	Ger. str.	623	Mar. 31	Jebsen & Co.		
Kenai Maru	3 c	Ohara	Japan. str.	1294	Mar. 21	Chinese		
Keong-wai	3 c	Unsworth	Brit. str.	1115	Mar. 21	Butterfield & Swire		
Kwongsang	5 c	Stalker	Brit. str.	989	Mar. 3	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Loongmoon	3 c	Schulz	Ger. str.	1245	Mar. 25	Siemssen & Co.		
Loo Sok	2 c	Jackson	Brit. str	1020	Jan. 27	Butterfield & Swire		
Martha	...	Krutzfeldt	Ger. str.	1418	Mar. 31	Melchers & Co.		
Nanyang	6 c	Lehmann	Ger. str.	983	April 1	Douglas Steamship Co.		
Oslo	3 c	Pedersen	Norw. str.	778	Mar. 20	Sander, Wieler & Co.		
Patroclus	5 c	Dicken	Brit. str.	3047	Mar. 20	Butterfield & Swire		
Phra Chula Chom Klao	2 c	Pigot	Brit. str.	1012	Mar. 29	Yuen Fat Hong		
Pronto	2 c	Meyer	Ger. str.	720	M r. 24	Chinese		
Rio	3 c	Christensen	Ger. str.	1109	Mar. 29	Jebsen & Co.		
Rosetta	5 k	Bishop	Brit. str.	2039		P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Siam	3	d'Messer	Brit. str.	902	Mar. 30	Bradley & Co.		
San Joaquin	3 c	Ituwieta	Span. str.	337	M r. 19	Order		
Tai Lee	3 c	Calender	Ger. str.	828	Mar. 26	Meyer & Co.		
Tordenskjold	3 c	Danielsen	Norw. str	749	Mar. 20	Chinese		
Triumph	3 c	Rieke	Ger. str.	675	April 1	Jebsen & Co.		
Wingsang	2 c	Sellar	Brit. str.	1517	Mar. 23	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		Swatow & Shanghai
Woosung	3 c	Clegg	Brit. str.	1119	April 1	Butterfield & Swire		
Yamashiro Maru	...	James Jones	Japan. str.	1507	Mar. 27	Nippon Yusen Kaisha		
Sailing Vessels.								
Anna Bertha	4 k	Nielsen	Ger. bqe.	269	D c. 15	Chinese		
Contest	2 k	Reynell	Brit. bqe.	486	March 1	Master		
John Barsley	...	W. F. Joslin	Amer. sh.	445	Mar. 20	Order		
Santa Cruz	2 k	O'Keefe	Amer. sch.	302	D c. 31	Captain		
Tolna	3 c	Festitices	Amr. sch.	78	Mar. 8			
West York	2 k		Brl. bqe.	681	Oct. 18	Order		

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New South Wales.
New Zealand.
British North Borneo.
Queensland.
Siam (Bangkok only).
South Australia.
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Bank of China & Japan, Limited preference shares	39,950	£ 5	£ 5	nom.
" " ordinary "	199,875	£ 5	£ 2 2.10	nom.
" " deferred "	1,250	£ 10	£ 1	£5.5, buyers
National Bank of China, Limited	...	£ 10	£ 8	$19, sales
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld.	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	$127½, buyers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ld.	24,000	$ 83.33	$ 25	nom.
North-China Insurance Co., Ld.	5,000	£ 100	£ 25	Tls. 198
Straits Insurance Co., Ld.	30,000	$ 100	$ 20	$13
Union Insurance Society, Ld.	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	$220
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H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	12,500	$ 125	all	252 ½ prm. = $440, buyers
STEAMBOATS.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld.	5,000	$ 50	all	$74, ex div.
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	$ 50	all	$58½, sellers
H.K. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld	30,000	$ 15	$ 1	$27
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	30,000	£ 10	all	$60, buyers
China Mutual S. N. Co.	20,000	$ 100	$ 10	$7.10, buyers
			£ 1	$5.10, buyers
Do. (new Issue)	20,000	$ 100	$ 10	£2.15, buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	$ 10	all	$167, buyers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000	$ 100	all	$59, ex div., sales
WHARVES.				
H.K. & Kow. Wuatt & Godown Co.	20,000	$ 50	all	$57
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited.	2,000	$ 100	$ 37½	$41, buyers
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.	30,000	$ 100	$ 50	$74, sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Company,	6,000	$ 50	$ 30	$17
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co.	25,400	$ 10	all	$8, buyers
West Point Building Co., Limited.	12,500	$ 5	$ 4	$20
TRAMWAYS.				
H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ld.	1,250	$ 100	all	$105, ex div., buyers
MINING.				
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ld.	40,000	$ 5	all	$2
New Punjom Mining Co., Ld.	50,000	$ 4	all	$6.25, buyers
" " Preference shares	30,000	$ 1	all	$1.00
Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Co. Ld.	18,000	$ 5	$ 5	$3.50, sellers
	52,000	$ 5	$ 2½	$2.80
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin.	12,000	Frs. 500	all	$140, sellers
New Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ld.	50,000	$ 1	all	$1.40, sellers
" " Preference shares	75,000	$ 1		$1.70, sellers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld.	100,000	£ 1	13/10	$27½, buyers
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd.	A 15,000	$ 5	$ 4	$18½, sellers
	B 10,000	$ 5	$ 2½	$6.50, sellers
PLANTING, ETC.	35,000	$ 5	$ —	—
China-Borneo Company, Ld.	7,500	$ 100	$ 50	nom.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited. in liq.	6,000	$ 50	all	$5, buyers
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Lt.	12,000	$ 50	all	$54, sellers
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited,	60,000	$ 1	all	$12, sellers
LIGHTING.				
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited.	7,000	£ 10	all	$127
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited.	30,000	$ 15	$ 1	$9.50
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ld.	30,000	$ 10	$ 1	$28½, sellers
				$34
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ld.	10,000	£ 1	£ 15/	15
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited.	1,200	$ 10	all	$84, buyers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.	6,000	$ 25	$ 2	$30
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ld.	600	$ 5	all	$33
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	10,000	$ 75	$ —	$61, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited.	5,000	$ 2	all	$7.07, sellers
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	5,000	$ 5	all	$164, ex div.
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	1,200,000	$ 100	$ 4	$31
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.,	10,000	Tls. 10	Tls 10	Tls. 100, sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld.,	10,000	Tls. 10	Tls 10	Tls. 110, buyers
Lsou-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	9,000	Tls. 10	Tls 10	Tls. 103, sellers
Carmichael & Co., Ld.	2,000	$ 25	$ 6	$6
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	4,000	Tls. 50	Tls 50	Tls. 54½

* Founder's shares

LOANS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotations.
Chinese Imperial 1896	Tls. 727,500	Tls. 100	5 p.a.	100 ½ prm.
			6 p.a.	Shanghai

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